

# PROTESTATIO

ATTESTATA

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# A PROTESTATION

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Before *Anthony Luther Esquire*, one of the Justices of the Peace, for the County of *Essex*, vpon *June 10.*

1644.

As the causes why the *Protesters* could not heare in the *publike Assemblies* of the Church of *England*, and so joyn in worship with that Ministry.

**VV** Hereas in the second Article of the *Solemn League and Covenant*, taken by us for the glory of *GOD*, and the advancement of the Kingdom of our *LORD & SAVIOUR JESVS CHRIST*, and other the godly Ends therein expressed; We find that we swear, *That we shall without respect of persons, endeavour the extirpation of Popery, Prelacy; that is, Church-government by Arch-Bishops, Bishops, their Chancellours, Commissaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-Deacons, and all other Ecclesiasticall Officers depending on that Hierarchie;*

We hold our selves bound to declare, and protest, unto the *Whole World*, That wee dare noe longer joyn unto, and communicate with, (but doe renounce and abhor) the Ministry of the Church of *England*, as it remains yet established, and named *Parsons, Vicars, and Curates.*

As being *Antichristian*, and in their *Ordination* depending upon the *Hierarchy*, having taken priesthood one of the *Orders* thereof, and having been ordained by Bishops, as they were Bishops, by their apish mockery of Christ, as it were giving unto them the Holy Ghost. And by their Oath of Canonically obedience, setting up Bishops above *CHRIST*, who hath declared the Canons of his Church, unalterably in his Word: Yet by that Oath they stand bound to obey all Canons now made, or hereafter to be made.

As maintaining in their former practice, an Idolatrous will-worship of the Service and Ceremonies, directly contrary to the liberty purchased by the blood of Christ, and many of us against knowledge and conscience.

As great Profaners of the holy things of God, putting no difference between the precious and the vile.

As guilty of the blood of many, concealing a great part of the counsel of God.

As living by a Jewish, Popish, and extortionous maintenance of tythes and offerings.

As they, who if they renounce not their former Call, are great dividers between us, & Scotland, being *Anti-Presbyteriall*, as well as *Anti-christian.*

As they, who were never called, according to the *Primitive and Apostolike examples*, by the Churches election.

We do therefore in the Bowels of the Lord *Jesus*, earnestly intreat, and beseech all those Ministers of the Church of *England*, that have the Spirit of Christ, that, renouncing their former calling and life, they would wait upon *GOD*, for a right call from him, and his people, according to *Christ's Testament*; that so we may communicate with them in *Christian Society*. And the *LORD* so bleesse both Minister and people.

Subscribed the same day by *ROBERT FAGE*, junior, and  
*THOMAS REIGNOLDS*: In the presence of  
*ANTHONY LUTHER*, Esquire.

And the same *PROTESTERS* did likewise then appeal to the Honourable House of *COMMONS*, the High Court of Parliament; whether they ought to be compelled to goe to the Assemblies of *England* against their Consciences.

Whereupon the Justice gave them liberty to enjoy their Consciences, and to prosecute their Appeals.